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Docket No. AUS920010994US1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

RICHARD EDMOND BERRYFor: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF SEARCH ENGINE INDICES**

Enclosed are also:

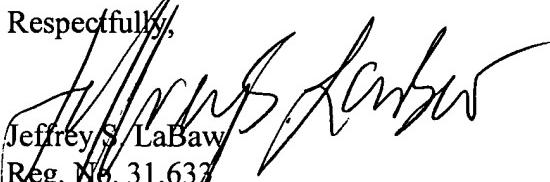
- 24 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 12 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 46)
 8 Sheet(s) of Drawings
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
 Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee (\$740)
Total Claims	46	-20 =	26 X \$ 18 =	\$468
Independent Claims	16	-3 =	13 X \$ 84 =	\$1,092
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		X \$280 =	\$0
Total Filing Fee				= \$2,300

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